

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 15 cents per line.)

—Mrs. Henry Stone left Monday for a visit in Portland.

—Mrs. Lake Casto is to leave today for her home in Portland after a visit with Corvallis relatives.

—R. C. Vaught representing the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company of Portland, was transacting business in Corvallis Monday.

—The little daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Cordley is ill with a fever, and Mrs. Cordley was ordered by a local physician to go to the Bay for the little patient's benefit, which order was obeyed yesterday.

—With several deer to their credit, and many thrilling adventures and hair breadth escapes to relate of their journey, chief of police Lane and Police Judge Greffoz returned Sunday from a two weeks' outing in the Five Rivers country.

For several years there has been no bowling alley in operation at Newport, but those who delight in this pastime now have their heart's desire, for an up-to-date alley is one of the drawing cards at the beach this summer.

—The marriage of Harlan Taylor and Miss Roma Grier, occurred at the home of the brides parents on Third street Saturday evening. The ceremony occurred in the presence of immediate relatives, and the knot was tied by Rev. Handsaker. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left the same evening to begin housekeeping in a cottage in Jobs addition.

—Carpenters are making changes that will convert the old Evangelical church into a double residence. The belfry has been removed, and a second floor cuts the upper and lower portion into two stories. Partitions will be put in, cutting each of the stories into six rooms, and affording a residence for two families. The property is owned by J. B. Goodman.

—The notification to President Roosevelt of his nomination takes place today at Oyster Bay. S. L. Kline, who is a member of the notification committee, left St. Louis several days ago for Oyster Bay to participate in the ceremony. He is accompanied by Mrs. Kline. After the notification, Mr. and Mrs. Kline leave the East for home returning via San Francisco.

—Over in the Five Rivers country they have a caterpillar scourge. The like of caterpillars was never seen before. Their ravages are described as not unlike that of a grasshopper raid. At Frank Seits place no leaves are left on the apple trees, and the same conditions prevail in other orchards in the vicinity. The pests seem to feed mainly on apple and alder leaves, and their operations are confined to these trees, the damage to the alders extending back into the mountains, where the caterpillars swarm in millions.

—At their hall Friday evening, the Woodmen of the World gave a farewell reception in honor of Dr. Altman. The occasion was felicitous and about 60 guests were present. A program was rendered as follows: Vocal solo, Mrs. J. L. Underwood; recitation, Miss Dora Lindgren; select reading, Dr. Altman; solo, Mr. Hotchkiss; reading, Mrs. Skelton; recitation, T. T. Vincent; address, Prof. E. R. Lake. At the conclusion of the program, icecream and cake were served, and the remainder of the evening spent in social conversation.

—Mention has recently been made in the Times columns of the bad luck that has befallen S. B. Bain in the china pheasant business this year, and it seems that the end of his troubles is not yet. A few nights ago the evening was so cool that Mr. Bain feared for the welfare of some of his half grown fowls. An incubator lamp was accordingly placed under a large box to keep the young pheasants warm. Neighbors discovered the flames in time to prevent the Bain residence from being burned, but not before the 63 half feathered birds had been roasted to a cinder.

—The recent hot days in the valley have driven still more people to seek the refreshing breezes of the seaside, and the hotels at Newport are reaping a bountiful harvest as a result. Every place is full, and the number of campers this season is far greater than the number has been in former years. The bayward travel began earlier this season than usual, there having been about 85 passengers per day out of Corvallis, against 20 at this season the last two years. The small train that is to be an attraction at Newport this year is not yet completed, but there is no lack of amusement and entertainment for every one at this popular place.

—Mrs. Belknap and Miss Frances Belknap left yesterday for a visit at Newport.

—Mrs. E. A. Pernot and boys are visiting in Colorado. Mr. Pernot has arrived from the trip East.

—R. E. and James Gibson came up from Portland Monday for a few days' stay.

—Born, Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, a daughter. The parents reside near the Boonville warehouse.

—Mr. and Mrs. Brunk went to Newport Saturday. The former returned Sunday, but Mrs. Brunk will remain for a two weeks' rest.

—John E. Smith, an '02 graduate of OAC, has been employed as an assistant teacher in the high school at Roseburg.

—Miss Louise Weber of Corvallis, and Alberta Campbell of Monmouth, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sorensen. —Albany Democrat.

—Harold ran back from the lion in the museum. "Don't be afraid, dear," grandmother said. "That lion is stuffed." "Yes," said Harold, "but maybe he isn't stuffed so full that he couldn't find room for a little boy like me."

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church will serve ice cream and cake, lemonade and home-made candy at the church lawn Friday afternoon from five till ten o'clock. Proceeds for parsonage.

—A party of Corvallis ladies left yesterday to occupy a cottage at Newport. They are Mrs. Martha Burnett, Mrs. R. C. Kiger, Mrs. James Bier and Lillie Ranney. They will be at home at the Woodward cottage, occupied until last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kiger, who arrived home Sunday.

—The following deaths have been filed for record: Susan A. R. Binson to William Leadbetter West 1/2 of lot 31, Wells & McElroy's Add. \$1. M. C. Miller and wife to Daisy Baker two lots in blk. 31, Job's Add. \$205. Daisy Baker and hus. to George Green five lots in blk. 31 Job's Add. \$400. Charles Dutton and wife to C. P. Willis one acre near Blodgett, \$30. W. H. Livingstone and wife to E. W. Strong 16 1/2 acres near Wen, \$1. Gabriel Long to Casper Klarner 156 acres in Kings Valley, \$1, 565. J. R. Wyatt to Sarah A. Schliker 25 acres near Albany, \$10.

—For the purpose of consulting an eminent physician, Bay Rickard left Saturday for Portland. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rickard. The stomach that which Mr. Rickard has been suffering for some time, and for the cure of which he has visited California and employed the best medical skill, is again considerably worse, and it is in the hope of finding relief that the Portland journey is made.

—The paternal ancestry of Washington was English, as well as that of the two Adams, Madison, the two Harrisons, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce, Lincoln, Johnson, Garfield, and Cleveland. Van Buren and Roosevelt came of Dutch ancestry. Monroe, Grant and Hayes of Scotch, and Jefferson of Welsh, while Polk, Jackson, Buchanan, Arthur and McKinley were of Scotch-Irish.

—Main street was agog yesterday with the report that the Benton Mills has passed into the hands of a new owner, but up to the hour the Times went to press in the afternoon, no money had been paid, no papers had changed hands, and no deal had been finally closed. It is, however, a fact that negotiations have been pending for several days, and that there is a prospect that a change in the ownership will take place. It is known that such is the occasion of the visit of R. E. Gibson to Corvallis. August Fischer is conducting negotiations at the purchase end of the line, but whether for himself, for the Corvallis Flouring Mills Co., or for other parties has not been announced. The present owners of Benton Mills are Punderson Avery, R. E. Gibson and John Rickard.

—Chief Lane has a reputation now as a hunter and rifle shot. On the trip to Five Rivers with Judge Greffoz, he slew two deer to the Judges. One of the deer stood across the river as the two city officials were enroute to visit the Flett family. The chief got speedily out of the wagon, and without waiting to take a rest, blazed away and the deer fell dead. That was the first exploit of the kind in the history of the chief. The river had to be waded to reach the quarry, but the judges account is that Lane forgot all about rheumatism and went through the stream like a fairy or a fisherman. The second deer was killed by the chief while it was running at full speed, and, deponent says, with the sang froid and coolness of a hunter who had killed them by hundreds.

AS TO CHITTIM.

Prices. Present and Future—Waiting for Boom Figures—Will They Come?

In the Corvallis market, the settled price of Cascara bark, for the present, is 5 1/4 cents per pound. How long the bark will remain at that figure, and whether, when it changes, it will go lower or higher, are questions nobody seems able to answer. Many peelers and owners of bark would like to have the problem of future prices foretold. Some of them have tons of the product, and a change of a single cent for the better or for the worse, means dollars and dollars to them. The skyrocket prices of last year are a still green memory with them. Some of them last year lost large sums of money, by selling too soon. Others made little fortunes for the first time in their lives, by holding long enough to catch the big figures. The hope that a second boom in bark prices may come again this year and the desire to get the most possible out of it, puts the peelers on the ragged edge of uncertainty, where they will stay until another boom comes, or until the season ends.

Only small lots of bark are being sold at the lower figures of the present. A peeler in need of supplies or cash, occasionally sells a load or a ton, or a fraction of either, to meet necessities. Occasionally a smaller holder sells his entire stock, partly for the same reason, and partly in the belief that no better figure is to be expected. The total of these sales makes but a small portion of what sales have aggregated at the same time in former seasons.

No local dealer believes that there will be this year a repetition of the firework prices of last season. There is not a bit of doubt on that point. It is not believed that any of them are buying and holding for a rise. According to their accounts, no less than 98 cars of chittim were shipped East from the Northwest chittim forests last year. According to the same authority, but fifty cars of the bark are consumed in the United States in a year. At that rate, the shipment last season was sufficient to meet the requirements of the patent medicine men and chemists for two years. Added to this, it is reported that the forests of western Washington will yield this year an enormous quantity of bark. One authority estimates that this yield will pass into hundred of carloads. The supply there is said to be so great, that peelers and middlemen are selling bark freely at 5 1/2 cents, delivered free on board the cars at railroad points. It is also asserted that in many instances, the patent medicine houses are buying the bark direct at these figures, and not of big commission men and brokers as was formerly the case. The statement is that one big and well known patent medicine and drug concern that paid 18 cents per pound for bark last year when the bark scare was on, is now buying bark direct at prevailing prices. Whether in view of the above, another boom in bark may be expected this season is a question that is shrouded over with doubt. It is possible that there are signs and conditions that point in an opposite direction, but if there are, dealers seem to be uninformed of them.

In view of the present markets, and its signs and prognostications, it is understood that a great many peelers will not sell for the present. Many of them hold that if high prices do not come this year that they may be expected in another season. They say the bark increases not only in medicinal value but in financial value with age, and for these reasons many of them propose, if the price does not go to 10 cents or better, to hold their stocks. Some, it is said, will not this year peel all the bark they could peel if they wanted to, but because of present prices and prospects will let it remain on the trees, where it will give greater yield when peeled in the future.

—Out at the William Baker residence there is a pet fawn. It was brought in by the Baker-Denman party who have been camping for a couple of weeks in Alsea Valley. The fawn walked up to them, while Mr. Baker and Mr. Denman were hunting in the mountains, and insisted on remaining with them. What similarity the two hunters bore to the fawn's mother somebody had probably shot, is not known, but it is a fact that the innocent little animal refused to quit their company and insisted on following them to camp, a distance of four or five miles. This, at least, is the story told by Mr. Denman. On the return of the party it was brought to the Baker home, where it is thriving under the care of the household.

—When Nolan and Callahan say remnants they mean it.

Wall paper at Blackledge's store.

NEXT WEEK.

Corvallisites to go to Portland to Attend big Club Meeting.

The indications are that a good delegation of Corvallis and Benton county citizens will go to Portland the first of next week to participate in the organization of the Oregon Development League, mention of which has been made in past issues in the TIMES. The purpose of the proposed organization is to secure co-operation of all the people for a bigger and better Oregon, and to inaugurate a movement in that direction. The plan is in the hands of the Portland Commercial Club, and that organization is pushing the matter very earnestly. The information is that all the towns in the state are taking hold of the matter, and that many citizens of each will gather at the proposed meeting, which occurs in the Marquam theatre in Portland, on the 2nd and 3rd of August. Under the arrangement, ten delegates from Benton county are to be appointed by the county judge, ten for Corvallis by the mayor, and ten at large by the Citizens' League.

Race Meeting at Portland.

Portland, Ore July—One of the longest race meetings ever attempted in Oregon will open here on August 8 and continue to August 28 and possibly through the first two weeks in September. A large force of workmen are rushing the work of getting Irvington track in shape for the coming meet. Already trainers and owners are shipping their strings to the track, and the officers of the Multnomah Fair Association are preparing to stable 500 horses the pick of those now racing at Seattle.

Last year it cost the Association \$15,000 to get Irvington into shape and this year \$7,000 more has been spent. The entire grandstand, the saddling paddock and the judges and timers' stands will be painted anew and every stall will receive a thick coating of whitewash. It is the intention of the Association this year to give \$10,000 away in purses for the stake events alone. The big stake race of the meeting will be the Irvington handicap value \$1,000 to the winners.

Additional Locals.

—One hundred and fifty people participated in the excursion to the Bay Sunday. Sixty two of the number went from Corvallis and 67 from Albany. Among the Corvallisites were, Mr. and Mrs. N. Cummings, Mrs. Scrafford, Misses Rose Chipman, Bessie Shobe, Tom Nolan, Ed Smith, Harry Wagoner, Arthur Lilly.

—On a country road the other day, a passer-by discovered a sick man by the roadside with his horse tied near. The latter was Charles Pernot, who had started to town for medical aid, and becoming too ill on the way to travel longer had deserted his horse for a friendly shade. He was brought to the home of his brother, Dr. Pernot in this city, where he has since been under treatment. He is rapidly improving now, and will soon be out again.

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Extra Summer Sale Specials At the Busy Big Store! SHOES \$2--We have arranged to place on sale during this month 50 pairs of ladies regular \$3.50 shoes, all popular lasts and leathers. We are compelled to sell as the lines are broken. DRESS GOODS 67c--Cape De Chine, the popular suiting while it lasts. Regular value \$1.00 58c--Corded and Plain Etamines, good quality, splendid bargains. Regular value 75c. 39c--Corded and Plain Etamines. Regular value 50c. WORSTED SUITINGS. A large array of worsted suiting remnants will be found on the "Bargain Counter." All colors and lengths at prices that can't help but tempt the most careful buyers. S. L. KLINE, Regulator of Low Prices.

HOME-SEEKERS! IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME REAL good bargains in stock, grain, fruit and poultry Ranches, write for our special list, or come and see us. We shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish, also showing you over the country. AMBLER & WATERS. Real Estate, Loan, and Insurance, Corvallis and Philomath, Or.

EMERY'S ART STUDIO South Main St., Corvallis, Ore. Carbon, Platinum and Platino Portraiture O. A. C. ATHLETIC AND SCENIC VIEWS. Art Calendars, Sofa Pillow Covers, And other Photographic Novelties.

We Don't Want to Hurry You But you must come early if you wish to secure some bargains at our Great Summer Reduction Sale Wash Goods and Summer Dress Goods At Cost Ten per cent reduction on Table Linen and Napkins " " Lace Curtains and Screens " " Calicoes, Percales and Gingham " " 50 cent Mixed Wool dress goods " " Cretons, Silkoline and Darperies " " Towels and Towelings Bargains in odd and ends Ribbons and Lace 20 per cent red. on Embroideries & dress Trimmings Other Bargains on the remnant counter. We pay top price for country produce. F. L. Miller Corvallis, Oregon.